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THE RIFT IN THE COALITION GOVERNMENT IN TURKEY IS GROWING.

TURKISH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ERBAKAN, THE LEADER OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE AND OTHER MSP MEMBERS OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL NOT SIGN THE DECREE THAT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT THE "OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY" DURING ECEVIT'S PLANNED VISIT ~~TO SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES~~ TO SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. THE TRIP IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18. ERBAKAN STATED THAT ECEVIT COULD TRAVEL AS REPRESENTATIVE OF ^{Li} OWN DEMOCRATIC

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PEOPLE'S PARTY.

ERBAKAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PROMPTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S ~~ANNOUNCEMENT~~ ON SEPTEMBER 13 THAT MINISTER OF STATE EYUBOGLU, A MEMBER OF ECEVIT'S PARTY, RATHER THAN ERBAKAN, WOULD BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER WHILE ECEVIT WAS ABSENT FROM TURKEY.

THIS CONTROVERSY ADDS TO THE LENGTHENING LIST OF PROBLEMS WITHIN THE ECEVIT-ERBAKAN COALITION CABINET. EARLIER REPORTS INDICATED THAT ECEVIT, ANNOYED BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S POLITICAL MANEUVERING, WAS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF ENTERING INTO A COALITION WITH ANOTHER PARTY OR FORMING A MINORITY GOVERNMENT. ECEVIT REPORTEDLY HAS ALSO CONSIDERED CALLING FOR EARLY ELECTIONS NEXT SPRING.

THE EMBASSY IN ANKARA COMMENTS THAT THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL FALL, BUT IT DOES MEAN THAT A CABINET COLLAPSE HAS BECOME AN INCREASING POSSIBILITY. E-2 IMPDET.H

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